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Hon. Thomas J. McAvoy
Federal Building & U.S. Courthouse
15 Henry Street
Binghamton, NY 13901

Re: U.S. v. Jay Goldman
Our File No. CR-1086

Dear Judge McAvoy:

You will recall that the sentence imposed on Jay Goldman by you on August 12, 2015 following his gambling plea included as a condition of his probation that for a period of one year he not play poker for money.

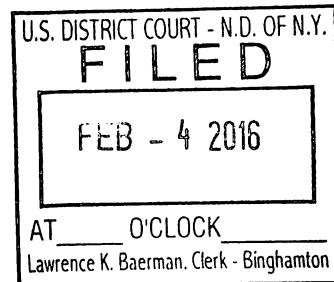
Mr. Goldman had been playing in poker games for money for a good part of his life and when he was arraigned before Judge Treece the terms and conditions of his pretrial probation allowed him to continue to play poker for money.

Mr. Goldman resides in Florida with his wife who is in very poor health, he is now six months past the sentencing date, has abided by all the terms and conditions imposed and met all of the financial obligations required, and we are requesting that the poker playing restriction be modified to allow him to play twice weekly at friends' homes poker where money would be bet.

While we understand that in another six months he would be able to do so as the one year restriction will have expired, playing poker with friends for money had nothing to do with the charges against Mr. Goldman to which he pled, was a hobby which Judge Treece allowed, and is a hobby to which, it is my understanding, the Florida Probation Services to whom he now reports have no objection.

Mr. Goldman is 64 years of age, retired and should be allowed to have a social outlet to balance against the time demands and responsibilities he has with respect to his wife.

Life is short and we respectfully request that Mr. Goldman be allowed to return to the simple pleasure enjoyed by he and his friends and millions of citizens across the country, playing poker for money at a friend's home no more than two times per week.



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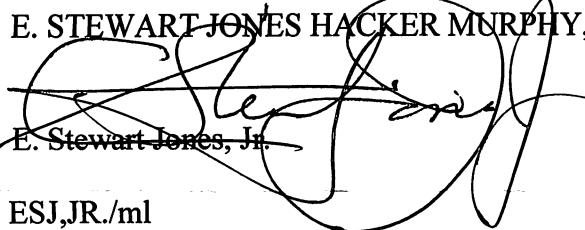
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Thank you very much for your consideration.

Respectfully yours,

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